

The Southeast News

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United Church Progress Reported For Year 1962

The United Church of Christ, after its first full year of operation has reported a substantial increase in giving to the national and international work of the church.

Contributions for 1962 were 8.53 per cent above the total reached by the two partners to the union in 1961, the Rev. Dr. Ben Mohr Herbster, New York City, president of the denomination, announced at the United Church Assembly held at Cincinnati, Ohio, January 27-30.

He stated that the United Church of Christ had the largest percentage increase in giving reported by a major Protestant denomination for 1962.

United Church members gave \$10,-820,288.68 for the work of the United Church mission boards and agencies in 1962, \$850,646.26 more than the \$9,969,-642.42 received separately in 1961 by the Evangelical and Reformed Church and Congregational Christian organizations.

Dr. Herbster also reported that 485 Congregational Christian Churches which had not voted to join the union at the time the constitution was adopted in July 1961, have since voted to join the United Church. The total of Congregational Christian churches voting "yes" to the union now stands at 4,150 of the 5,548 congregations in 1961. Only 393 churches have voted against being a part of the United Church and 162 voted to abstain from voting on the matter. The remaining churches have not taken action either way.

This means, Dr. Herbster said, that approximately 1,225,000 out of 1,432,-486 Congregationalists in the United States are now members of the United Church of Christ. Total membership in the United Church is estimated at 2,043,000. This includes 817,951 members of the former Evangelical and Reformed Church which entered the union as a body.

In addition, 28 new churches were established under the denomination's

PF Annual Meeting Slated March 30-31, At Waycross

Plans are well under way for the 1963 Annual Meeting of the Southeast Convention Pilgrim Fellowship, to be held Saturday and Sunday, March 30 and 31, at Williams Chapel, Waycross, Georgia. Registration will begin at 8:30 A. M. on Saturday, with sessions concluding on Sunday following the noon meal. Registration forms will be mailed out shortly from the Southeast Convention office. These, together with the \$5.00 registration fee, must be sent to Miss Joyce Thomas, 502 Harrison St., Waycross, Georgia, not later than March 15, to assure accommodations.

"Serving the World through Christ," the theme of the meeting, will become real as young people themselves lead workshops on Christian Faith, Christian Citizenship, Christian Fellowship, Christian Outreach, and Christian Witness. An optional activity on Saturday afternoon will be a visit to Okefenokee Swamp State Park at a group rate of 85c per person.

Pilgrim Fellowships are reminded of the urgency to send in the annual dues of 50c per member to the treasurer: Mr. Bryant Stokes, 1425 Railroad Street, Phenix City, Alabama. The treasury is broke, but the expenses continue! Need we say more?

Further details will follow in a forthcoming letter accompanying the Registration form. It's not too early, however, to be making definite plans to attend the Annual Meeting and to send in the annual dues.

We hope to see all Senior High PF'ers in Waycross, Georgia, March 30 and 31!

auspices during 1962.

The total number of churches in the denomination reported as of December 31, 1961, was 6,755, with 2,015,770 members. Final 1962 totals are not yet available, but the trend is expected to be toward fewer churches but with a larger total membership.

The total giving to Our Christian World Mission by the churches of the



REV. J. MARTIN BAILEY

Bailey Chosen United Church Herald Editor

Rev. J. Martin Bailey, St. Louis, Missouri, has been named editor of the UNITED CHURCH HERALD, official organ of the United Church of Christ.

He will assume the post held as co-editors by the late Rev. Dr. Andrew Vance McCracken, New York City, and the Rev. Dr. Theodore C. Braun, St. Louis, since the magazine's first issue was published in October, 1958.

Mr. Bailey has headed the promotion, advertising, and circulation offices of the magazine in St. Louis since July, 1960.

Mr. Bailey was born in 1929 and is a graduate of Iowa State University and of Eden Theological Seminary. He has a Master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University.

He is married to the former Betty Jane Wenzel. The Baileys have two daughters, Kristine Elizabeth and Susan Ruth.

Southeast Convention for 1962 was \$33,-574.10 — an increase of \$484 over 1961. The percentage increase for the convention is below the denominational average.

Noted Church Editor Suffers Heart Attack

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Vance McCracken, New York City, co-editor of the UNITED CHURCH HERALD, denominational magazine of the United Church of Christ, died January 16, 1963, following a heart attack at his home in Bronxville, N. Y. He was 65 years old.

From 1942 to 1952 Dr. McCracken edited THE MISSIONARY HERALD, the oldest magazine in continuous circulation in the United States. Founded in 1805, the HERALD was merged with ADVANCE, another Congregational Christian publication, in 1951. He edited the combined publication until the UNITED CHURCH HERALD was established by merger with the Evangelical and Reformed MESSENGER.

The first issue of the UNITED CHURCH HERALD was published in October, 1958, with Dr. McCracken in the co-editor's chair. The bi-weekly magazine publishes news and opinion of the denomination formed by union of Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed churches. The second co-editor is the Rev. Theodore C. Braun, St. Louis.

The Rev. Dr. Truman B. Douglass, executive vice-president of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, paid this tribute to Dr. McCracken:

"Andrew Vance McCracken faithfully served the wider interests of our churches for twenty-one years. He crowned his years of labor by giving to the United Church of Christ the best denominational periodical in this nation — undoubtedly the best in the world. I have cherished this association and had come to rely not only on his professional skill but also on his generous and warm-hearted friendship."

Dr. McCracken was a graduate of Amherst College and Union Theological Seminary. He received a Master's degree from the University of Michigan and a Ph. D degree from the University of Chicago.

He was ordained in 1924 in Cummington, Mass. He served as associate minister of the North Woodward Avenue Church, Detroit, while a student at the University of Michigan. From 1931 to 1942 he was pastor of South Congregational Church, Concord, New Hampshire.

He is survived by his wife, by a son, Vance, of Miami, Florida, and by a daughter, Mrs. Alden Williams, of New York.

THE TRUTH WILL MAKE YOU FREE

A MESSAGE FOR RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1963.

Freedom is dear to the hearts of men everywhere in the world today. The search for freedom and the effort to preserve it have one thing in common. The common element is the universal stress upon deliverance from that which binds or threatens to bind. Very few men in any community are in search of genuine freedom. But multitudes want to be released from or to remain independent of historic institutions or powers which they judge to be binding. In short, most people define freedom in negative terms.

Release from that which binds is only the beginning of freedom. It only makes possible that true self-determination which is freedom. Release from that which binds is not self-determination; it is only the removal of the barrier to it. True self-determination is the expression of inner power.

"Jesus . . . said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in My word, you are truly My Disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free'."

What is the truth of which Jesus speaks? What is this new determining and directing power for life? It is Jesus Christ Himself. The eternal reality is manifested through Christ. It is through Him that men know the truth. "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; . . ." (John 14:6).

The knowledge of God involves acknowledging Him in His works and responding to His claims. God discloses His love and man responds in faith. We reach the truth which makes us free by doing it. And doing the truth does not mean mere obedience to commandments, but rather living from Him who is the truth. It means abiding in Him, participating in Him, continuing in His Word, being determined in our very being by the grace of God through Christ.

During this year, we observe the one hundredth anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. The United States has the peculiar history of being a modern country settled by Europeans in search of freedom, many of whom in turn became slave masters. Slavery is, of course, the lowest point of unfreedom. But it was not the slaves alone who were unfree; it was also the masters. The masters were also unfree because master and slave are correlatives. Neither of them can exist without the other. The master was just as dependent upon the slave for his being as the slave was dependent upon the master. In other words, formerly free Americans created an unfree system of meaning, value and loyalty. Thereafter the lives of those who lived on the system were determined by the values and purposes of the system. The system constituted a new center of meaning, value and direction. Only a few rare spirits found the freedom to transcend the system. Others became slaves to it and all that it stood for, whether their roles were those of master or slave. They were slaves because they lived by the untruth—a system of pride and domination.

We can now thank God, on this one hundredth anniversary, that chattel slavery has been legally abolished. But racism, the false religion which remains, is at the root of all forms of racial segregation, discrimination and doctrines of racial superiority. The racist, like the slave master, makes himself a correlate of the object of his hatred and pride. He says that he hates the object because the object is hateful; but the fact is, hatefulness is the product of the presence of hate, and it is hate which fills the racist's own heart. We are that in which we abide, in which we participate.

Racism must be understood for what it is — a religion competing with the Christian faith. The racist affirmation of superiority and inferiority is not, as commonly supposed, merely a social theory. Rather, it is an affirmation of faith, a declaration concerning the nature of human being. The racist consciousness affirms the condemnation of one race and the creative destiny of another by Nature. This is conviction concerning the nature of human being, concerning the givenness of human nature. As such it is an ultimate claim.

In contrast to the Christian faith, the racist faith asserts that the essence of man is his own possession. Racism is self-deification. The power of being is man's own possession.

This view is diametrically opposed to the insights of Christian faith. According to Christian faith man is made in the image of God. Herein lies his dignity.

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Curriculum Workshop Scheduled For March

A second opportunity for training in the United Church Curriculum will be a Regional Curriculum Workshop March 20-23, in Atlanta, Georgia, bringing together "leaders of leaders" from the Southeast Convention, the Convention of the South, the Evangelical and Reformed churches in our midst, and the Florida Conference. Those who participate in the Atlanta Workshop agree to be members of teams to help introduce the Curriculum in more localized areas and in individual churches. This training program was begun last November in Pawling, New York.

Five members of the United Church of Christ national staff will act as resource people. These include Mr. Loren Walters, Director of Educational Program; Dr. Edward L. Schlingman, chairman, Specialized Ministries Staff; Rev. William E. Wimer, Chairman, Adult Ministry Staff; Rev. Scott S. Libbey, Secretary, Youth Ministry; and Rev. J. Donald Paine, Editor, Children's Ministry Staff.

It is anticipated that Age Group Leaders will include the following: Nursery, Mrs. Carl N. Sanford; Kindergarten, Mrs. J. Kermit Harris; Primary, Mrs. W. Raymond Berry; Lower Junior, Miss June Wenger; Junior, Mr. James C. Trefry; Junior High, Rev. Wayne Peck; Middle High, Rev. Percel Alston; Senior High, Rev. T. Albert Lawrence; Adult, Mrs. Edward Askren Jr.; Administration, Miss Gladys Varner.

Sessions will open Wednesday evening, March 20, at the Interdenominational Theological Center in southwest Atlanta. In addition to age-group "conversations", there will also be presentations and discussions dealing with theology, educational principles, and worship as they relate to the Curriculum. Area groups will have opportunity to meet and set up plans for "follow-through."

Watch for team listings in a subsequent issue of *The Southeast News*.

NOTICE!!

May Fellowship Day
Friday, May 3, 1963

Order Packet from Office of
P & D, National Council of
Churches, 637 West 125th St.,
New York 27, New York.

Student Summer Service Program For Convention

"The Student Summer Service Workers have provided a 'shot in the arm' to our Christian education efforts. We hope to have them again next year."

"What do Student Summer Service Workers do? What is their responsibility to our church and what is our responsibility to them?"

"How are Student Summer Service Workers trained?"

"What is the purpose of Student Summer Service Work?"

"Our children and young people really enjoyed the worker you sent last year. Will someone be available for us next year?"

Such questions and comments have come to the Southeast Convention office concerning young people sent out each year through our denomination's Student Summer Service program.

Student Summer Service is an effort among the churches for sending students to do church work during the summer months. In the Southeast Convention, students must have completed at least high school, with preference being given to college-enrolled youth. A small monthly stipend and expenses are offered to those whose applications are accepted, the cost being underwritten by the United Church of Christ and donations by interested church people.

Various plans of training have been utilized. Last year our workers received materials several weeks prior to the beginning of their work, spent three days studying in the Atlanta office, and then for one week did supervised Vacation Church School teaching in one of our churches in the morning and some class work in the afternoon. For several weeks following the training period, the Student Summer Service Workers moved from church to church, working in Vacation Church Schools and among the children and youth of the various communities; in addition, they served as counselors in our summer camping program.

Student Summer Service is a "two-way street." In the one direction, it helps students to "find their way" in the life and work of the Christian Church. More than half of our denomination's former summer workers are now in professional religious work. Educational and social service engage most of the rest of them. Students' "spiritual muscles" are strengthened as they seek to work out for themselves and help others work out some of life's

Sunday, March 24, Set For One Great Hour Of Sharing

The churches of the United States — ever mindful of vast and acute human need throughout the world — seek more than \$15 million in 1963 for their ministries of mercy to those in need overseas.

One Great Hour of Sharing — the 15th annual cooperative effort — will be observed by most participating churches on Sunday, March 24.

Contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing and related appeals will provide emergency food, medicine, clothing and shelter for survivors of earthquakes, typhoons, floods, famines and other disasters; help resettle and rehabilitate victims of war and political upheaval; aid orphans and patients of hospitals and clinics; provide self-help projects and vocational training for refugees, widows and displaced youth and give agricultural assistance to those who strive to wrest a living from the soil.

Through this program ministries of mercy are carried on throughout the world without question of race or creed. Offerings received by the churches may be sent to the Southeast Convention Office.

most perplexing problems. They begin to see the church, not simply as a place where people come to worship on occasion, but as a fellowship of concern for "even the least" of God's children.

In the other direction, Student Summer Service Workers can help to enlarge the vision of your church. Although they themselves are learners, they are beginning to grasp a sense of what Christian commitment is. This awareness they seek to mediate through their work with the children and youth as well as in their total life in the community of which they are a part for a week or more.

We hope each church of the Southeast Convention will consider carefully both of the following questions: "How can our church help our students to achieve a deep sense of Christian commitment through the Student Summer Service effort?" And, "Does the Student Summer Service effort provide a summer service that will enrich the life of our church?"

We urge you to write to our Minister of Christian Education if either alternative suggests a responsibility to you. She will be happy to supply further information.

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Superintendent's Corner

Sunday, February 10, is Race Relations Sunday. I have no idea how many of the churches of the Southeast Convention are aware of the fact and will observe it in some meaningful way.

Addressing the National Conference on Religion and Race held recently in Chicago, R. Sargent Shriver Jr., U. S. Peace Corps director, said: "As a layman I wonder how I can go to church 52 times a year and not hear one sermon on the practical problems of race relations."

A lot depends on the church to which one goes and the minister of that church. Many ministers and churches are concerned that the witness of the church be brought to bear upon this most pressing domestic problem. All ministers and churches should be.

Race relations is not just a social problem, a legal problem, an educational problem. It is also a religious problem, a Christian problem. The church must not remain silent in this hour when its witness is most urgently needed.

I pray that the ministers and churches of the Southeast Convention will be numbered among those seeking the Christian solution in Christian love.

Superintendent's Schedule

February 10 — Ordination Service for Jimmy J. Norred, Antioch Church, Roanoke, Alabama

February 14-15 — Robbins Parish with Rev. Serge F. Hummon

February 16 — Pleasant Hill with Rev. Serge F. Hummon

February 19-20 — Urban Church Consultation, ITC, Atlanta

February 22-24 — Knoxville, Tenn.

March 3 — Doerun, Ga., Poplar Arbor

Southeast Convention Budget For 1963

This budget was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Southeast Convention at its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 1963.

DISBURSEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries, Annuities, Rental Allowances \$17,865.00

OFFICE

Rent \$ 500.00
Telephone and Telegraph 480.00
Furniture and Equipment 150.00
Insurance 135.00
Social Security 126.00

1,391.00

ORGANIZATION

Board of Directors, Committees, Fellowships, and Convocations 1,200.00

PROMOTION

Supplies and Materials 1,600.00
The Southeast News 1,400.00

TRAVEL

Superintendent: General 2,000.00
Car Payments 900.00
Minister Christian Education: General 1,500.00
Car Payments 500.00
Special Travel Fund 750.00

5,650.00

PARSONAGE

Principal on Loan 1,000.00
Interest on Loan 152.00
Insurance and Maintenance 400.00

1,552.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Audit 225.00
Southeast Regional Meeting 150.00
Miscellaneous 500.00

875.00

CHURCH AID AND MISSION WORK

7,500.00

NATIONAL SHARE OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

10,266.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$49,299.00

RECEIPTS

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION FROM CHURCHES

41,066.00

BOARD FOR HOMELAND MINISTRIES

6,833.00

THE SOUTHEAST NEWS SUBSCRIPTIONS

400.00

MISCELLANEOUS

1,000.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$49,299.00

The Truth . . .

(Cont.)

The gift of the image is an act of pure grace. The dignity of man is accordingly bestowed. It is not an acquisition, nor is it a quality which he possesses. The glory of the image of God is only reflectively in man. Man finds his life as man only in so far as he lives by love, the Divine Word. The idea that man is created in the image of God means that he is created in, by, and for love. Man is a being-in-relation. He is truly man and is truly free when he responds to God in obedient love.

" . . . you will know the truth and the truth will make you free."

People . . .

Churches . . .

Events . . .

Todd Church Reports 1962 Year Of Progress

1962 was one of the most successful years in the history of Todd Church. The church made progress in every way. One member remarked that they remembered when the church did well to raise the pastor's salary, but during the past year we did many things. We rebuilt the front wall of the church which had cracked due to the foundation giving way, or settling; we purchased a hot water heater, a gas stove and a potato cooker for the church kitchen; we also caught up with the back payments on the building debt; in November we paid \$641.28 on back payments. The money was raised by a chicken plate sale, some donations and by transferring some money from the repair fund to this fund. We do not owe any past due payments now.

The church voted to increase its giving to Missions in 1963. Every department of the church is going well.

We honored our pastor, the Rev. A. C. Nelson, and his wife, Mrs. Carrie Lee Nelson, on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers; there was a bountiful dinner, and many lovely gifts were presented to the Nelsons. Dr. James H. Lightbourne Jr., Superintendent of the Southeast Convention, preached the sermon and at the close of the service, officiated as the Nelsons repeated their wedding vows and presented each other with a ring.

The Women's Fellowship and the Churchmen's Fellowship meet together once each month. They have the devotional and program together and then separate for each group to have its own business session, after which they go into the fellowship hall where they have supper and fellowship together. Sometimes they agree on adopting the same project and work together in putting it over. They seem to enjoy the team work.

We have lost some families due to their having moved away, but we received 9 new members during the year. Some of these new members have become very active. Two of them have claimed a call to the ministry and have already done some preaching. The official board has been very active and cooperative. Our pastor, the Rev. Mr. Nelson, is on the job all the time.

The children of the church presented



Rev. Roy Colby, Oak Ridge, Tenn., and young people at PF Conference.

HERE AND THERE

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Southeast Convention will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 27-28, 1963. The host church will be announced in the March issue of The Southeast News. Every minister should plan to attend and every church to be presented by delegates.

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The Lanett Congregational Christian Church held a series of Wednesday night sessions in January at which the Chart of Organization of the United Church was studied. This is an excellent way to learn more about the United Church.

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A History of First Congregational Church, Crossville, Tenn., is just off the press. It contains in addition, pictures, many family names and details of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary observance. Copies may be secured for \$2.25 post-paid from Mrs. George F. Brookhart, Box 365, Crossville, Tenn.

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Mr. Lee Ramsey, a ministerial student at LaGrange College, LaGrange, Ga., has been called to serve Jones Chapel Church, Woodbury, Ga., while he continues his studies at the college. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey have a little baby daughter.

a beautiful candle-lighting service and sang Christmas carols the Sunday night before Christmas. The pastor gave a brief sermonette, and then a tree of gifts was unloaded. There was a birthday cake for the Birthday of Jesus and the children sang "Happy Birthday, Jesus."

Planning And Training Sessions Held For PF

The Planning and Training Conference for the youth of the Congregational Christian Churches held at Southern Union College on December 27, 28, and 29, 1962, was found to be quite successful. There were approximately 50 young people attending. Mrs. J. Kermit Harris of Columbus, Georgia, was the leader. Most of the group arrived around 1:00 p. m. on Thursday afternoon.

The first session began with a film entitled "The Delinquent, Hipster, Square". There was much discussion following the film.

Workshops began later in the afternoon. They were:

- Christian Outreach, led by Rev. Edward M. Brown
- Christian Witness, led by Rev. Annie R. Campbell
- Christian Citizenship, led by Mr. Millard Fuller
- Christian Fellowship, led by Rev. Melvin R. Fenner
- Christian Faith, led by Mrs. J. Kermit Harris

During the three days of the conference there were sessions on better meetings, better recreation, and better worship programs. All information gained was to help toward the betterment of the Pilgrim Fellowship groups.

The delegates to the National Youth Council the past summer reported on their trip and explained the Youth Ministry.

There were several examples of role-playing during the conference, presented by representatives of the different churches.

Recreation was enjoyed each night and was well led by Rev. Emilie F. Pitcock and Rev. Annie R. Campbell. Dancing was also enjoyed by the group.

There was a meeting of the officers of the Southeast Convention PF Friday night. Final plans were made for the convention to be held in Waycross, Georgia, March 30 and 31.

On Saturday the Evaluation proved that everyone benefitted from the conference and received many helpful pointers to take back to their local groups.

We all hope other such stimulating conferences will come about in the future.

Beth Burnham
Recording Secretary
Southeast Convention PF

Two Ordinations Held In January

Rev. Wilson Lee Busick

A Service of Ordination for Wilson Lee Busick, Charleston, South Carolina, was held at Circular Congregational Church on Sunday, January 13, 1963.

Dr. William R. Barnhart, pastor of the church, presided at the service. The ordination sermon was delivered by Dr. Stewart A. Newman, professor of theology at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. Superintendent James H. Lightbourne Jr. shared in the service.

Mr. Busick is a member of Circular Church. He has completed his seminary training at Southeastern Baptist Seminary and has accepted a call to the Pfafftown, N. C., Congregational Christian Church.

Mr. Busick is at least the 22nd member of Circular Church to enter the ministry. Mrs. Busick is doing graduate work at the University of North Carolina. They have two children, Pinckney and Kathy.

Mr. Busick, by virtue of his ordination, is received into ministerial standing in the United Church.

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Rev. Billy J. Robinson

The Reverend Billy J. Robinson was ordained into the Christian ministry at services held on January 21 in the Elder Congregational Christian Church.

Mr. Robinson, who is the pastor of the Elder Church, has been a licentiate of the East Alabama Association. Following completion of the two-year course at Southern Union College, he became eligible for ordination.

The moderator of the East Association, Rev. John D. Schofield, presided over the services. Rev. Emilie F. Pitcock, Minister of Christian Education for the Southeast Convention, delivered the sermon.

Participants in the service included Dean A. R. Van Cleave of Southern Union College, Rev. Warner Noles, Rev. Warren Blankenhorn, Mr. Paul Beaird, and Supt. J. H. Lightbourne Jr.

Mr. Robinson is continuing his studies at LaGrange College. He has been called to serve Huguley Church, Lanett, as well as Elder Church.

HERE AND THERE

Eighth Ecumenical Institute

The Eighth Annual Ecumenical Institute will be held at the Blue Ridge Assembly, North Carolina, July 21-26, 1963.

The theme of the institute, which is sponsored by the southern office of the National Council of Churches, is "Servants of the Eternal Christ."

All ministers and members of local churches are eligible to attend. For information, please write to:

Rev. J. Edward Lantz
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Town and Country Convocation

The Second Quadrennial Town and Country Convocation of the United Church of Christ will be held August 27-29, 1963, at Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio.

It is sponsored by the Town and Country Department of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

Ministers and lay members of Town and Country parishes in the convention are eligible to attend. Persons interested should write to the convention office.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Farmer recently attended a ceremony at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., in which their son, Allen, lost at sea in 1958, was memorialized in the Allen Farmer Forestry Clubroom in the new J. Bayard Snowden Forestry Building. Allen was a 1954 graduate of the institution. Mr. Farmer is the moderator of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. The Farmers are members of Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga.

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The annual Cole Lectures at the Vanderbilt Divinity School will be held March 25-27. Professor Gunther Bornkamm of the University of Heidelberg will be the lecturer. Dr. Harold Bosley will be the Convocation preacher. Write the Divinity School, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., for details.

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A Memorial Service for Rev. J. W. Davenport was held at the Daisy Congregational Christian Church on Sunday, January 20. Rev. Arnold Slater was the speaker for the occasion. A Memorial Portrait was dedicated.

Annual Spring Rallies Scheduled For March

Mrs. F. C. Lester, of High Point, N. C., Southern Regional Secretary for the Council of Lay Life and Work of the United Church, will be the guest resource leader and speaker at the annual spring rallies of the area Women's Fellowship groups.

The series of rallies to be held throughout the whole of the convention will begin on March 13 with the Kentucky-Tennessee Rally at Chattanooga and will conclude with the North Georgia Rally at County Line Church, Hampton, Ga.

The local Women's Fellowships are urged to be represented at the rally in their area.

Kentucky - Tennessee — Wednesday,
March 13

Chattanooga: 10:00 to 3:00

President: Mrs. Rufus G. Obrecht of
Chattanooga

North Alabama — Friday, March 15
Huntsville: 9:45 a. m.

President: Mrs. P. T. Gletty of Cull-
man

Central Alabama — Saturday, March 16
Mt. Olive Church, Tallassee: 3:00 to
8:30 p. m.

President: Mrs. Floyd Ballard of East
Tallassee

East Alabama — Sunday, March 17

First Church, Roanoke: 2:00 p. m.

President: Mrs. Malon Simmons of
Phenix City

S. Alabama-N. W. Florida — Tuesday,
March 19

Antioch Church, Andalusia, 9:45-2:30

President: Mrs. Arthur Wallace of
Andalusia

South Georgia — Thursday, March 21
Williams Chapel, Waycross: 10:00 a.m.

President: Mrs. Tavell Courson of
Pearson

Central Georgia — Friday, March 22
United Church, LaGrange: 2:00-6:00

p. m.
President: Mrs. Maynard Burnham
of LaGrange

North Georgia — Saturday, March 23
County Line Church, Hampton: 1:15

to 2:45 p. m.
President: Mrs. Edward M. Brown of
Atlanta